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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 18324

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT EG  
SUBJECT: LATEST ISSUE OF AL AHALI BANNED

1. LATEST ISSUE OF LEFTIST WEEKLY AL AHALI DID NOT APPEAR  
AUGUST 2 BECAUSE OF GOE CONFISCATION. PRESS AUGUST 3  
REPORTED CAIRO COURT UPHELD GOVERNMENT CONFISCATION DE-  
CISION. COURT FOUND ISSUE INCLUDED NUMBER OF "FALSE AND  
VICIOUS STATEMENTS."

2. ACCORDING PRESS, COURT PARTICULARLY OBJECTED TO AL  
AHALI DEFENSE OF CUBA AND OF THE SOVIET UNION, CHARGING  
THAT THESE ARTICLES WERE AN INSULT TO ARAB AND ISLAMIC  
FEELINGS AND DISRUPTIVE OF PUBLIC ORDER. ANOTHER ARTICLE  
ALLEGEDLY GAVE RISE TO "CLASS HATRED" AND STILL ANOTHER  
ARTICLE CAST DOUBT ON SADAT'S INITIATIVE.

3. COMMENT: AL AHALI'S "DEFENSE" OF CUBA ACTUALLY  
SEEMS LESS EXTREME THAN DEPICTED BY MAIN-LINE PRESS AND  
WAS PART OF LARGER REPORT ON NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. AL  
AHALI DESCRIBED CUBA'S DEFENSE OF ITS INTERVENTION IN  
AFRICA AS ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES WHO FACE "NEW COLONIAL-  
ISM." MOST PUNGENT PART OF ARTICLE WAS ITS REPORT THAT  
CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER REPLIED TO EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL TO  
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CHANGE VENUE OF NAM SUMMIT BY SAYING IT WAS STRANGE THAT  
THOSE WHO WENT TO ISRAEL DID NOT WANT TO GO TO HAVANA.

4. STILL ANOTHER ARTICLE IN BANNED ISSUE OF AL AHALI  
CRITICIZED MISR PARTY AND FORMATION OF NEW PARTY. (MAIN-  
STREAM PRESS DO NOT MENTION THIS ARTICLE.) WE HAVE BEEN  
TOLD IT WAS THIS ARTICLE THAT WAS PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF AL

AHALI BEING BANNED AND THIS SEEMS PLAUSIBLE. AL AHALI  
COMMENTARY LIKENED CREATION OF MISR PARTY TO CREATION  
OF TEST TUBE BABY. PARTY CREATED AS AN ATTEMPTED CURE FOR  
"POLITICAL STERILITY." AL AHALI IRONICALLY NOTED MISR  
PARTY SPRANG TO LIFE FULL GROWN WITH MAJORITY OF SEATS  
IN PARLIAMENT. PARTY MIXED TOGETHER "BUREAUCRATIC AND  
PARASITIC" ELEMENTS, SOME OF WHOM IDENTIFIED IN ALL BUT  
NAME, AND WAS INJECTED INTO "TIRED OVERWORKED" SOCIETY.  
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